

### REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. The application is believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1-36 are provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-28 of U.S. pending Patent Application No. 10/879,331 and U.S. pending Patent Application No. 11/056,022. If claims are allowed in either case, Applicants are prepared to overcome the rejection with a terminal disclaimer at that time.

Claims 1-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,689,654 (Kikinis). Claims 6, 8, 11, 14-16 and 19-20 have been canceled, rendering rejection as to these claims moot. As discussed below, the claims are patentable over Kikinis.

Claim 1 is directed to an information management method. The method includes storing information related to a first user in a first database operatively coupled to a first computer, the first user being identified by a user identifier, enabling a second user to access the first database over a network using a second computer to retrieve the information related to the first user, establishing a second database of user information in the second computer, inserting information related to the first user into the second database of the second computer, enabling the first user to edit the information related to the first user stored in the first database, updating information related to the first user in the second database of the second computer by accessing information in the first database, and allowing the second user to access the updated information related to the first user.

Kikinis is directed to the docking and cooling of personal digital assistants (PDAs). The PDA is configured with an IR interface and is password protected. Information on the PDA can be passed to a nearby PDA that has an infrared interface.

Kikinis does not teach or suggest an information management system as is claimed in claim 1 of the application. Kikinis is not directed to the access of information in a database and the editing and updating of information in a second database, as is recited in claim 1. Nor does Kikinis teach or disclose enabling a first user to edit the information related to the first user stored in the first database, updating information related to a first user in the second database of the second computer by accessing information in the first database, and allowing a second user to access the updated information related to the first user, which is also recited in claim 1. For at

least these reasons, claim 1 is patentable. Claims 2-5, 7, 9, 10, 24-30 and 34 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are patentable for at least the reasons that claim 1 is patentable.

Claim 12 is directed to an information management system. The system includes a first computer, a first database operatively coupled to the first computer, the first database containing contact information for each of a plurality of users of the information management system, wherein each of the users is identified by a user identifier, and the information for each user is stored along with the user identifier of the user in the first database. The first computer includes a network interface module that interfaces with a network to allow users of the information management system to access the first computer, a database interface module that coordinates transfer of data between the first database and the first computer, and an application module containing instructions to enable a network user to access the first database over the network using a second network computer to retrieve information in the first database related to a first user to enable the first user to edit the information related to the first user stored in the first database, and to enable access to the edited information in the first database to update the information related to the first user in a second database of a second computer.

As discussed above with respect to claim 1, Kikinis does not teach or suggest an application module containing instructions to enable a network user to access a first database over a network using a second network computer to retrieve information in the first database related to a first user, to enable the first user to edit the information related to the first user stored in the first database, and to enable access to the edited information in the first database to update the information related to the first user in a second database of a second computer, as is recited in claim 12. Kikinis is not directed to the management or updating of information at all; rather, Kikinis merely briefly addresses the exchange of data and programs to and from a PDA. For at least these reasons, claim 12 is patentable over Kikinis. Claims 13, 31-33, and 37-39 depend directly or indirectly from claim 12 and are patentable for at least the reasons that claim 12 is patentable.

Claim 17 is directed to an information management system. The system includes means for storing information related to a first user in a first database operatively coupled to a first computer, the first user being identified by a user identifier, means for enabling a second user to access the first database over a network using a second network computer to retrieve the

information related to the first user, means for establishing a second database of user information in the second computer, means for inserting information related to the first user into the second database of the second computer, means for enabling the first user to edit the information related to the first user stored in the first database, means for updating information related to the first user in the second database of the second computer by accessing information in the first database, and means for allowing the second user to access the updated information related to the first user.

As discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 12, Kikinis does not teach or suggest an information management system that includes means for inserting information related to a first user into a second database of a second computer, means for enabling a first user to edit the information related to the first user stored in the first database, means for updating information related to the first user in the second database of the second computer by accessing information in the first database, and means for allowing the second user to access the updated information related to the first user, all of which is recited in claim 17. For at least these reasons, claim 17 is patentable. Claims 18, 21-23 and 35-36 depend directly or indirectly from claim 17 and are patentable for at least the reasons that claim 17 is patentable.

Applicants believe these claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the enclosure submitted herewith, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned agent of record at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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